



Voting Information News

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**A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.**

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Voting Assistance Officers

"To Do" This Month:

- ✓ Review the procedure for ordering voting materials (listed on page 2). Make sure that you understand the procedure and if there are any questions, contact your SVAO for clarification. Keep a copy of this newsletter in your voting continuity folder so that your successor may access this information.
- ✓ Check supplies to ensure that you have adequate voting materials (FPCAs, FWABs) for upcoming elections.
- ✓ Make plans to attend a Voting Assistance Officer Workshop next year. Remind your supervisors that you need this training and call the FVAP if you are interested in hosting a workshop.

Judges for Slogan Contest Announced

On July 9, 2001 the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) stopped accepting slogan entries for the 2001 Slogan Contest. The Voting Slogan Contest is a biennial event sponsored by the FVAP in its efforts to promote interest in the democratic process among citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* – the members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their family members, and all U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. The winner of this year's slogan contest will be featured in the FVAP's 2002/2003 informational and motivational materials, which focus on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide. Additional slogans will be chosen to be featured in the state sections of the *2002-2003 Voting Assistance Guide*.

The FVAP received thousands of entries from around the globe for this year's slogan contest, promoting voter awareness. The Voting Assistance Officers' (VAOs) dedicated efforts in encouraging citizens to enter the contest helped generate the high participation

rate and brought attention to the voting program, giving citizens a better idea where to find guidance and assistance on absentee voting.

As the first phase of the contest is complete, it is time for the next stage to begin. Polli Brunelli, FVAP Director, has announced the panel of independent judges who will review and choose the winning slogans based on their originality and motivational value. The four individuals who have graciously agreed to serve on the panel are:

Representative Robert W. Ney,
Chairman of the Committee on House Administration
Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink,
House Committee on Government Reform
Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen,
House Committee on Government Reform
Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh,
President, National Association of Secretaries of State

The FVAP thanks all who have entered the contest. ☑





*"Knowledge will forever
govern ignorance; and a
people who mean to be
their own Governors,
must arm themselves
with the power which
knowledge gives."*

*-- James Madison
Inscription on the Library
of Congress*

Ordering Voting Materials

Maintaining an adequate supply of voting materials is an essential function of every Voting Assistance Officer (VAO). With the updated Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) coming out this fall, it is essential for every VAO to know the proper procedure for ordering new materials, such as the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA, SF 76), Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB, SF 186), and the VAG. The following can be used as a reference for VAOs to order new and replacement materials. The FVAP recommends stocking 4 FPCAs and 1 FWAB per voter.

Army: There are Form/Publication numbers for the voting forms. The FPCA is Standard Form 76, the FWAB Standard Form 186, and the VAG is Misc Publication 360-02. The Senior Voting Assistance Officers (SVAOs) are responsible for ensuring these items are ordered from the U.S. Army Publishing Agency. The website for the USAPA is www.usapa.army.mil. Each Army ordering agency has an account number and the items are mailed from USAPA Operations Office in St Louis, MO.

Navy: Navy VAOs may order voting materials themselves on-line through the Navy Voting Assistance Program website www.persnet.navy.mil/nvap/. This website also contains links to a wide variety of voting information.

Air Force: Air Force IVOs order voting materials at: <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil>. IVOs may establish an on-line account to order the materials or place their order through an Organizational Account Representative (OAR). OARs are squadron personnel (normally in the orderly room/CSS) who order forms and publications. Units are not charged for voting materials. The Air Force makes a one-time automatic shipment of new Voting Assistance Guides and posters to the MPF Customer Service section. Customer Service personnel contact IVOs upon receipt of materials. Additional copies may be ordered through the Air Force Publications website above. The SF 76, Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and SF 186, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) must be ordered

on-line. Order four FPCAs and one FWAB for each military member assigned. Voting information is available at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Marine Corps: Marine Corps VAOs may order the FPCA (SF76) and FWAB (SF186) through unit supply officers via SABRES. The Voting Assistance Guide is available through unit S-1 offices via PCPDS. Marine Corps VAOs may also order voting materials by accessing www.manpower.usmc.mil then going to the Personal and Family readiness section and clicking on the "Voting" icon for information on ordering supplies. Internet Explorer works best for navigating this site.

Coast Guard: FPCAs and FWABs must be ordered using unit funds from GSA using the following data:

FPCA	NSN 7540-00-634-5053
	Unit of Issue: 1 HD Cost: \$10.86
FWAB	NSN 7540-01-218-4384
	Unit of Issue: 1 HD Cost: \$11.68

VAGs are automatically distributed through the DOT warehouse whenever a new edition is issued. Any unit on distribution that fails to receive their issue by January 1, 2002, should contact MCPO Jeff Creighton. There is also a Coast Guard Instruction to guide VAOs: Federal Voting Assistance Program, COMDTINST 1742.3H.

State Department: To restock supplies, each post should order the FPCA and FWAB forms through the normal General Services Administration (GSA) supply channel. GSA requires the funding information, the stock number, and the quantity. The Department recommends that each post stock four FPCAs for each potential voter since some states require a separate FPCA for each election. The FPCA stock number is 7540006345053. The Department recommends that posts stock at least one FWAB for each potential voter. The FWAB stock number is 7540012184384. For expedited service, send a request to GSA, Attn: William Clayton, via e-mail at william.clayton@gsa.gov or by fax: 703-557-2150; tel: 703-557-2154. ☐

Stateside – Upcoming Elections

Arkansas: There will be a special primary election for United States Representative, District 3 on September 25, 2001 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson. The special run-off election (if necessary) will be held on October 16th and the special general election on November 20th. Registration is waived, and the FPCA as an absentee ballot request must be received by September 18th for the primary, October 9th for the run-off and November 13th for the general election.

Florida: There will be a special general election for United States Representative, District 1 on October 16th, 2001 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of U.S. Representative Joe Scarborough. The absentee ballot request (FPCA) for the general election must be received by October 12th. Unregistered voters must request their absentee ballot no later than September 17th.

Massachusetts: The special general election for United States Representative, District 9 will be on October 16th, 2001 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of U.S. Representative John Moakley. Registration is waived, and the FPCA as a request for an absentee ballot must be received by noon October 15th.

South Carolina: There will be a special

primary election for United States Representative, District 2 on October 30, 2001 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of U.S. Representative Floyd Spence. The special run-off election (if necessary) will be held on November 13th and the special general election on December 18th. If you are eligible to vote in this district, your absentee ballot request (FPCA) must be received not later than four days before the election; October 26th for the primary, November 9th for the run-off, and December 14th for the general election. Unregistered voters must request their absentee ballot not later than 30 days before the election; September 30th for the primary, October 14th for the run-off, and November 18th for the general election.

You can find out who your representative is by going to www.house.gov/writerep. For information regarding elections, you may call the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC), which, beginning 30 days before an election, invites candidates to record messages. Citizens may reach the VIC from 59 countries using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website www.fvap.ncr.gov and on page 4 of this VIN. In the U.S. call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or local (703) 588-1343 or use DSN (military) 425-1343 to hear these messages. ☑



*"Your Vote Is The One
That Matters."
HM1 Roberto A. Small
U.S. Navy
1995 Slogan Contest
Winner*

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We're on the Web!
www.fvap.ncr.gov

Vote!

Call the FVAP Toll Free From Overseas

When local assistance is unavailable, please call the Federal Voting Assistance Program. During non-business hours, citizens may leave a message. When doing so, please leave sufficient information to allow us to get back to you in a timely manner (please include what country you are calling from, a complete telephone number including international prefixes, and e-mail address if available.) ☒

ANTIGUA	1-877-8333886	GUYANA	1-800-877-8333886	PHILIPPINES	1-800-1-114-0831
AUSTRALIA	1-800-1-27668	HONG KONG	800-908809	POLAND	0-0-800-1112-561
BAHAMAS	1-8778333886	HUNGARY	06-800-13824	PORTUGAL	08008-12816
BAHRAIN	800-687	INDONESIA	001-803-011-2583	RUSSIA	8-10-8002-0283011
BARBADOS	1-800-534-2104	IRELAND	1-800-55-5189	SINGAPORE	800-1203425
BELGIUM	0800-76834	ISRAEL	1-800-9203230	SOUTH AFRICA	080-09-97300
BERMUDA	1-8778333886	ITALY	800-874729	SPAIN	900-931912
BRAZIL	000-814-550-3742	JAMAICA	1-800-666-3819	ST. VINCENT	1-877-8333886
CAYMAN ISLANDS		JAPAN	00531-120076	ST. KITTS/NEVIS	1-877833-3886
	1-877-833-3886	KOREA	00798-14-800-4399	SWEDEN	020-79-6876
CHILE	800-201844	LUXEMBOURG	0800-9087	SWITZERLAND	0800-895623
CHINA	10-800-120-0241	MALAYSIA	1-800-80-3709	TAIWAN	0080-13-9817
COLUMBIA	980-915-4710	MARSHALL ISLANDS		THAILAND	001-800-12-066-3305
COSTA RICA	0800-0120204		1-877833-3886	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	
DENMARK	80-882544	MEXICO	001-8778333886		1-800-934-7340
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		NETH ANTILLES	001-8778333886	TURKEY	08000-151-0733
	1-8001561554	NETHERLANDS	0800-0249769	UNITED KINGDOM	
FINLAND	0-800-1-19515	NEW ZEALAND	0800-441388		08-001-698035
FRANCE	0800-914727	NICARAGUA	001-800-2201349	URUGUAY	000-413-598-2492
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